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FOR JOHN CRAIG, ECON OFFICER AND EDITH FLORES, SCIENCE OFF

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SUBJECT: TRAVEL AND PER DIEM ARRANGEMENTS FOR SENIOR
EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS

1. WE HAVE INVESTIGATED TRAVEL AND PER DIEM REGULATIONS
WITH REGARD TO ARRANGEMENTS FOR DEPUTY MINISTER FOUAD
HUSSEIN, DR. MOUSTAFA SWIDAN, DR. EL-WALID EL-SHAFIS AND
DR. SAMIR HABIB. BECAUSE OF HIS RANK DOE WILL ALLOW
FIRST CLASS AIR TRAVEL CAIRO-NEW YORK-CAIRO FOR DEPUTY MINIS
TER HUSSEIN. THE OTHER THREE ARE AUTHORIZED TOURIST CLASS
TRAVEL IN ACCORDANCE WITH U.S. GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS.
REGULATIONS DO NOT ALLOW ABSORBING TRAVEL COSTS FOR MRS.
HUSSEIN WHO WILL ACCOMPANY HER HUSBAND. TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS
FOR THESE 4 OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED TO TRAVEL
OFFICE, U.S. EMBASSY, CAIRO. EDITH FLORES, SCIENCE OFFICE,
HAS FISCAL DATA AND WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS. LODGING
ACCOMMODATIONS HAVE BEEN ARRANGED AND PAID FOR BY BNL.
DOUBLE OCCUPANCY FOR DEPUTY MINISTER HUSSEIN IS ARRANGED.
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LOCAL TRANSPORTATION WILL BE PROVIDED. PER DIEM ALLOWANCE
IS AT THE OFFICIAL RATE OF DOLS 18 PER DAY TO COVER FOOD
AND MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES. WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT
THERE IS NO FLEXIBILITY IN PER DIEM RATE. IF TRAVEL TO
WASHINGTON, D.C., IS REQUIRED, TRAVEL EXPENSES, LODGING
AND PER DIEM WILL BE PROVIDED BY BNL.

2. IT IS DESIRED THAT THESE OFFICIALS, PARTICULARLY DEPUTY MINISTER HUSSEIN, UNDERSTAND U.S. RESTRICTIONS ON PER DIEM AND DOE'S INTENT THAT THEY BE GIVEN AS HIGH PRIORITY TREATMENT AS POSSIBLE. THE OBJECTIVE IS TO ASSURE THAT THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE TREATED IN A MANNER WHICH WILL BE CONDUCIVE TO ACHIEVING FULL AND COOPERATIVE PARTICIPATION. THE A.R.E. MAY FIND IT APPROPRIATE TO ISSUE SUPPLEMENTAL LIVING EXPENSES ALLOWANCES TO THEIR REPRESENTATIVES IF THEY CONSIDER THE ABOVE OFFICIAL PER DIEM ALLOWANCE INADEQUATE.

3. THE SCHEDULE FOR THEIR VISIT FOLLOWS:

---MAY 31: ARRIVAL AT JFK, TRANSPORT TO ACCOMMODATIONS

---JUNE 1, 2: WORK WITH U.S. TEAM

---JUNE 3, 4: NON-WORK DAYS, FREE FOR PERSONAL AFFAIRS

---JUNE 5-7: DR. ABDEL RAHMAN ARRIVES, WORK WITH U.S. TEAM CONTINUES

---JUNE 8: POSSIBLE MEETING WITH SENIOR US DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY OFFICIALS, WASHINGTON OR BNL LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED

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4. PLEASE INFORM DEPUTY MINISTER HUSSEIN, FIRST UNDER-SECRETARY MAHER ABAZA AND DR. MOUSTAFA SWIDAN, MINISTRY OF ELECTRICITY AND ENERGY OF THESE ARRANGEMENTS AND REQUEST THAT SWIDAN COORDINATE WITH FLORES AND OTHERS.

5. PLEASE INFORM DR. W. EL-WALID EL-SHAFIE, INSTITUTE OF NATIONAL PLANNING THAT WE ACCEPT PROPOSAL FOR AHMED ELBEHAIRY TO PARTICIPATE DURING PERIOD OF JUNE 1-10 AND WILL PROVIDE ACCOMMODATIONS AND PER DIEM FOR HIM. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT A.R.E. IS PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION TO U.S.

6. ADVISE A.R.E. OFFICIALS TO BRING THEIR DRIVER'S LICENSES SO THAT WE MAY OBTAIN INTERNATIONAL DRIVER'S LICENSES FOR THEM. THEY MAY WISH TO DRIVE THEIR OWN RENTAL CARS IN THE BNL AREA AS AFTER HOURS DRIVERS ARE NOT AVAILABLE AND LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IS DIFFICULT.

7. PLEASE INFORM ROBERT MCFARREN, INTERNATIONAL ENERGY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, DOE OF REACTION AND WHETHER THESE PER DIEM PROVISIONS ARE SATISFACTORY. IF SO, PLEASE FINALIZE TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

AND ADVISE ASAP. VANCE

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